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1-3 Classification Requirements

1-301(a) Military plans, weapons or operations

(1) Information derived from or through intelligence sources or methods on foreign intentions, capabilities, or activities which pose a potential threat to United States national security interests or to those of allied or other friendly governments.

(2) Information which could reveal the extent or degree of success achieved by the United States in the collection of information on and assessment of foreign military plans, weapons, capabilities or operations.

(3) Information that could reveal defense plans or posture of the United States, its allies, or other friendly countries; or enable a foreign nation or entity to develop countermeasures to such plans or posture.

(4) Information that could reveal the capabilities, vulnerabilities or deployment of United States weapons or weapons systems.

1-301(b) Foreign Government Information

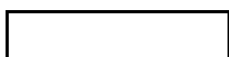
(1) Information provided to the United States by any element of a foreign government or international organization of governments, with the explicit or implicit understanding that the information is furnished in confidence.

Information produced by the United States pursuant to a confidential agreement with a foreign government or governments or international organization of governments, or with any element thereof, or produced jointly with a foreign government or governments under such an agreement.

(3) Information revealing the existence of joint intelligence activities, facilities, or the nature thereof in foreign countries.

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1-301(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods

(1) Information which could reveal or identify a present, past or prospective intelligence source; whether a person, organization, group, technical system, mechanism, device, or any other means or instrument that provides, has provided, or is being developed to provide foreign intelligence or foreign counterintelligence. 

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(2) Information which could reveal or identify a present, past or prospective intelligence method, procedure, mode, technique, or requirement used or being developed to acquire, transmit, analyze, correlate, evaluate, or process foreign intelligence or foreign counterintelligence, or to support an intelligence source, operation or activity.

(3) Information not officially released which could disclose the organizational structure of the Central Intelligence Agency; the numbers and assignments of CIA personnel; the size and composition of the CIA budget, including internal and external funding; logistical and associated support activities and services, security procedures, techniques, and activities including those applicable to the fields of communications and data processing; or other quantitative or qualitative data which could reveal or indicate the nature, objectives, requirements, priorities, scope or thrust of Agency activities, including missions, functions, and locations of CIA components and/or installations.

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(4) Information that could disclose the identities of certain CIA

personnel, or of code designations used by CIA or other agencies to protect such personnel or intelligence sources, methods, or activities.

(5) Information that could reveal the existence, nature, scope or effect of, or identify personnel covered under, agreements between the CIA and other agencies of the United States Government, elements of foreign governments, or other entities.

(6) Information pertaining to contractual relationships with private individuals, commercial concerns, or non-governmental institutions and entities when such a relationship involves a specific intelligence interest, or reveals the extent or depth of knowledge or technical expertise possessed by CIA, or when disclosure of the relationship could jeopardize the contractor's willingness or ability to provide services to CIA.

(7) Information pertaining to intelligence-related methodologies, techniques, formulae, equipment, programs or models, including computer simulations, ranging from initial requirements through planning, source acquisition, contract initiation, research, design and testing, to production, personnel training, and operational use.

(8) Information which could identify specific research, procedures or data used by CIA in the acquisition and processing of intelligence, or the production of finished intelligence, when such identification could reveal the particular intelligence interest of the CIA, the value of the intelligence, or the extent of the CIA's knowledge of a particular subject.

(9) Information that could disclose CIA criteria and procedures for the handling of critical intelligence which could affect the

national security of the United States or of its allies and which requires the immediate attention of senior Agency officials.

(10) Information that could reveal, jeopardize, or compromise a cryptographic device, procedure or system, or intelligence data resulting from the employment of such a device, procedure or system, or the sites, facilities, systems, and technologies used, or proposed for use, in the collection, interpretation, evaluation, or dissemination of communications or signals intelligence. PTOD

(11) Information pertaining to training in intelligence sources, methods, and activities provided under the auspices of CIA to individuals, organizations or groups which could reveal or identify equipment, materials, training sites, methods and techniques of instruction, or the identities of students and instructors. IATC  
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(12) Information which could disclose CIA policies and procedures used for personnel recruitment, assessment, selection, training, assignment, and evaluation. PSI  
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1-301(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States

(1) Information which, if disclosed, could lead to foreign political, economic or military action against the United States or other friendly nations.

(2) Information which, if revealed, could create, stimulate, or increase international tensions in such manner as to impair the conduct of United States foreign policies. MUTS

(3) Information which, if revealed, could deprive the United States of a diplomatic or economic advantage related to the national security,

or which could weaken the position of the United States or its allies in international negotiations, or adversely affect other activities pertinent to the resolution or avoidance of international conflicts or differences having national security significance.

(4) Information that could disclose plans prepared, under preparation, or contemplated by officials of the United States to meet diplomatic or other contingencies affecting the security of the United States.

(5) Information that could identify or otherwise disclose activities conducted abroad in support of national foreign policy objectives, and planned and executed so that the role of the United States Government is not apparent or acknowledged publicly, or information that could reveal support provided to such activities. CA

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(6) Information which could reveal to a foreign nation, organization or group that the United States has obtained, or seeks to obtain, certain data or materials from or concerning such a nation, organization or group, and which could thereby adversely affect United States relations with or activities in a foreign country.

(7) Information which, if disclosed, could lead to political or economic instability, or to civil disorder or unrest, in a foreign country or could jeopardize the lives, liberty or property of United States citizens residing in or visiting such a country, or could endanger United States Government personnel or installations there. PTOS

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1-301(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to  
the national security

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(1) Information which provides the United States with a scientific, technical, engineering, economic or intelligence advantage of value to the national security,

(2) Information concerning CIA research of a scientific or technical nature leading to the development of special techniques, procedures, equipment and equipment configurations, systems, and their use in the collection or production of foreign intelligence or foreign counterintelligence.

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(3) Information dealing with research and development, operational planning, deployment, and/or use of scientific and technical devices, equipment or techniques used for national security purposes by the CIA jointly with, or through the cooperation of, other United States and/or foreign governmental entities.

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1-301(f) United States Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials of facilities

(1) Information that could reveal, jeopardize, compromise, or reduce the effectiveness of United States Government programs to safeguard nuclear materials, techniques, capabilities or facilities.

(2) Information on foreign nuclear programs, activities, capabilities, technologies, facilities, plans and intentions, weapons and their deployment which could disclose the nature, scope or effectiveness of United States intelligence efforts to monitor nuclear developments abroad, or could cause such efforts to fail or to be restricted in a manner detrimental to national security.

1-301(g) Other categories of information which are related to national security and which require protection against unauthorized disclosure as determined by the President, by a person designated by the President pursuant to Section 1-201, or by an agency head

(1) Information, documents or materials specifically protected by statute or treaty.

(2) Information contained in a compilation of otherwise unclassified material or data which, in the aggregate or by reason of particular arrangement or juxtaposition, may require classification as national security information when assembled and compiled.

(3) Information which could disclose the nature or substance of confidential advice given to the President of the United States or to the National Security Council by the Director of Central Intelligence.

(4) Information that could reveal the nature or substance of deliberations within the Executive Branch of the United States Government involving policy formulations or other matters relevant to the national security and participated in, or contributed to, by the Director of Central Intelligence or his designated representatives.

(5) Information concerning discussions, negotiations, agreements or relationships between the Director of Central Intelligence or the Central Intelligence Agency and other departments or agencies of the Executive Branch, or the Members, committees, and/or staffs of the United States Senate or House of Representatives, or independent establishments or individuals, on matters pertaining to the national security including exchanges of information on, or assessments of, the potential effects of proposed or pending legislation on the missions, functions or activities of the DCI or the CIA.

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(6) Information which could be expected to place an individual  
in immediate jeopardy.

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